Mr. T. C. Thommen : On the report of the Director of Agriculture.

Encouragement of foreign newspapers.

61. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state the amount annually spent by them for encouraging foreign newspapers ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Nil.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : വിദേശപത്രങ്ങൾക്ക് പ്രോത്സാഹനം നൽകുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : ഇല്ല.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether any financial help is given to any foreign news agency ?

President : The question relates to newspapers and not to news agencies. The supplementary question should be confined only to the subject matter of the interpellation.

Administration Report for 1109.

62. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Administration Report of 1109 was printed and published towards the end of 1110?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : It was printed and published in Meenam 1110.

Report of the Special Officer on the complaint against the Workshop Superintendent.

63. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state the final decision on the report submitted by the Special Officer on the complaint against the Superintendent, Workshops ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : The report is under consideration.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : What was the sort of enquiry that this Special Officer was asked to conduct ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : There were certain allegations against the officer, and the Special Officer was asked to examine them.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether definite charges were framed and evidence was taken ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : The Special Offiicer was asked to enquire and frame charges.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I kno whether the Special Officer sent up any report to Government ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Yes.

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Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Was it a public enquiry, or *an enquiry in camera* ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : It was a departmental enquiry.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Before he was appointed may I know whether Government thought that the charges against the Superintendent were grave enough to necessitate the appointment of the Special Officer ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : That was why the Special Officer was appointed.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know when the report was received.

Mr. T. C. Thommen : It was received on the 25th of July 1935.

Director of Ayurveda.

64. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long it is since the post of the Director of Ayurveda fell vacant ; and

(*b*) the reason for not making the appointment till now ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : (*a*) Since the 30th Kumbham 1105.

(*b*) As the arrangement made to run the department since the retirement of Mr. Sankara Menon, Director of Ayurveda, has been found to work satisfactorily, the question of filling up the vacancy has not been taken up for consideration.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ആയുർവ്വേദഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിന്റെ മേധാവിയായി ഒരാൾ വേണ്ടെന്നു തീർച്ചപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: ഇല്ല.

Mr. John Kattakayam: അങ്ങിനെ ഒരാൾ വേണം എന്നഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: ഇപ്പോൾ അതിന്റെ മേധാവിത്വം രണ്ടുപേരായി നടത്തുകയാണ്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അതിലേയ്ക്ക് ഒരാളെ നിയമിക്കുകയല്ലേ നല്ലതു?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: അതു് ഒരഭിപ്രായം മാത്രമാണ്.

Mr. E.P. Varghese: May I know whether the Ayurveda Department has suffered for want of a Director?

Mr. T. C. Thommen: No.

Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman: ആയുർവ്വേദവകുപ്പിൽ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനം നടത്തുന്നതു് ആരാണ്?

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